



City of Wauwatosa Health Department Presents:



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City of Wauwatosa Food Program Newsletter

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DO YOU HAVE AN EMPLOYEE HEALTH POLICY?

Food safety equals the prevention of foodborne illness. With that in mind, all food service establishments should have an Employee Health Policy in place. A good Employee Health Policy consists of:

1. Employee training on foodborne illness, particularly symptoms and prevention of the Big Five.
2. Documentation that employees have been instructed to report symptoms of, diagnosis of, or exposure to foodborne illness to management.
3. A management plan to exclude or restrict employees from food handling, who have symptoms of, diagnosis of or exposure to foodborne illness.

Here is some more information:

1. Employee training on foodborne illness– How can foodborne illness outbreak affect the business of the food establishment? What is foodborne illness, what are the symptoms and how does an employee prevent the spread of a foodborne illness? Particular attention should be paid to the Big Five. There is an easy to use information sheet attached to this newsletter that will help with this training .
2. An employee is responsible for reducing the risk of spreading foodborne illness in a food establishment. The employee should recognize symptoms and know what their responsibility is if he/she has foodborne illness symptoms. A state of WI– DATCP Employee Health Agreement directly from the Food Code is

available attached to this newsletter. With this agreement, the employee agrees to contact management if they have symptoms of, diagnosis of or exposure to a foodborne illness.

3. Management also has a responsibility in an Employee Health Policy. Employee training must be provided on points 1 and 2 above. Management must know what to do if an employee has symptoms of or is diagnosed with a foodborne illness.

Your area inspector may ask if you have an Employee Health Policy. If you have an existing health policy, it must have a minimum, the above information included in it to be in compliance. Training on an Employee Health Policy can be arranged through the Health Department. If you have any questions about your employee health policy, please contact your area inspector or contact that Health Department at 414-479-8939.

Your Feedback Is Important!

The City of Wauwatosa Health Department instituted a customer satisfaction survey. We are collecting feedback for our customers, food establishment operators. **We would like your input!** If you have not done already, please take two minutes to answer a few simple questions.

You can complete the survey online by visiting
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/whdfood>

Thank you for your participation!

Dogs In Outside Seating Areas



Many states and jurisdictions are now allowing dogs to accompany their owners while dining in outside seating areas of food establishments. Although the FDA Food Code prohibits all animals on the inside of the establishments, it does not address animals in outdoor seating areas.

Studies have shown that there are numerous zoonotic diseases associated with dogs however, disease transmission from animals to humans does not occur in a direct manner. The transmission is typically through feces exposure. There is a possibility of dogs in outdoor seating areas inadvertently relieving themselves, however that would need immediate attention. Outdoor areas will have to be frequently monitored for aggressive animals to protect the safety of patrons.

Based on conversations with the State's Chief Medical Officer, the State Epidemiologist, the State Public Health Veterinarian and review of various scientific studies, it has been determined that the risk associated with the disease transmission from dogs in outdoor patios area to humans is highly unlikely.

Therefore, establishments can apply for individual variances for State approval. The following requirements must be included in the variance request:

1. Applies to dogs only.
2. Applies to exterior areas only.
3. A separate entrance must be used by the dogs—they cannot enter through the food establishment.
4. No food preparation is allowed in the outdoor area.
5. No presetting of utensils in area.
6. Any water provided to a dog by the food establishment must be in a single use disposable container.
7. Employees shall be prohibited from having contact with pets.

8. Dogs shall not be allowed on tables or chairs.
9. In cases where excrement or other bodily fluids (urine, saliva, and vomit) are deposited, an employee shall immediately clean and sanitize the affected areas.

If you are interested in obtaining a variance for allowing dogs in your outdoor seating area for the upcoming summer/spring season you can contact the Wauwatosa Health Department at 414-479-8936.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW INSPECTION REPORTS?

In spring of 2017, the Wauwatosa Health Department began using a software program called **HealthSpace**. Several states across the country (including the State of Wisconsin) are using this advanced inspection reporting system. Many local health departments in Wisconsin are using this same program too. The benefits of this inspection reporting system are inspection data can be gathered, and statewide and common trends can be followed to better develop training tools for you, the food facility operator.

Now, state program reports are automatically generated (our department had to previously assemble and send to the state). Inspection reports are printed at the inspection site and/or emailed to your email address, if requested.

Your individual report will follow repeat violations from past inspections. Higher risk violations are labeled as priority (high risk) or core (lower risk). As our staff gets proficient with **HealthSpace**, we hope to develop a process that compares the inspection program from year to year.

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Food Employee Reporting Agreement

Preventing Transmission of Diseases through Food
by
Infected Food Employees

It is recommended that this document be used as an agreement between employees and management to help ensure that Food Employees notify the Person in Charge when they experience any of the symptoms listed below. The Person in Charge will then take appropriate steps to prevent the transmission of foodborne illness. The use of this document should help demonstrate to the regulatory authority that there is an Employee Health Program in place.

I AGREE TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE:

SYMPTOMS and PUSTULAR LESIONS:

1. Diarrhea
2. Fever
3. Vomiting
4. Jaundice
5. Sore throat with fever
6. Lesions containing pus on the hand, wrist, or an exposed body part
(such as boils and infected wounds, however small)

MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS:

Whenever diagnosed as being ill with Salmonellosis (*Salmonella* spp.), Shigellosis (*Shigella* spp.), Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli*, Hepatitis A (hepatitis A virus) or any other pathogen that can be transmitted through food such as: *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Campylobacter* spp.; **Norovirus; *Cryptosporidium* spp.; *Giardia* spp.; *Yersinia enterocolitica*; *Staphylococcus aureus*; or *Listeria monocytogenes*.**

I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the requirements concerning my responsibilities under the Wisconsin **Food Code** and this agreement to comply with:

1. Reporting requirements specified above involving symptoms, diagnoses, and high-risk conditions specified;
2. Work restrictions or exclusions that are imposed upon me; and
3. Good hygienic practices.

I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this agreement could lead to action by this food establishment or the food regulatory authority that may jeopardize my employment and may involve legal action against me.

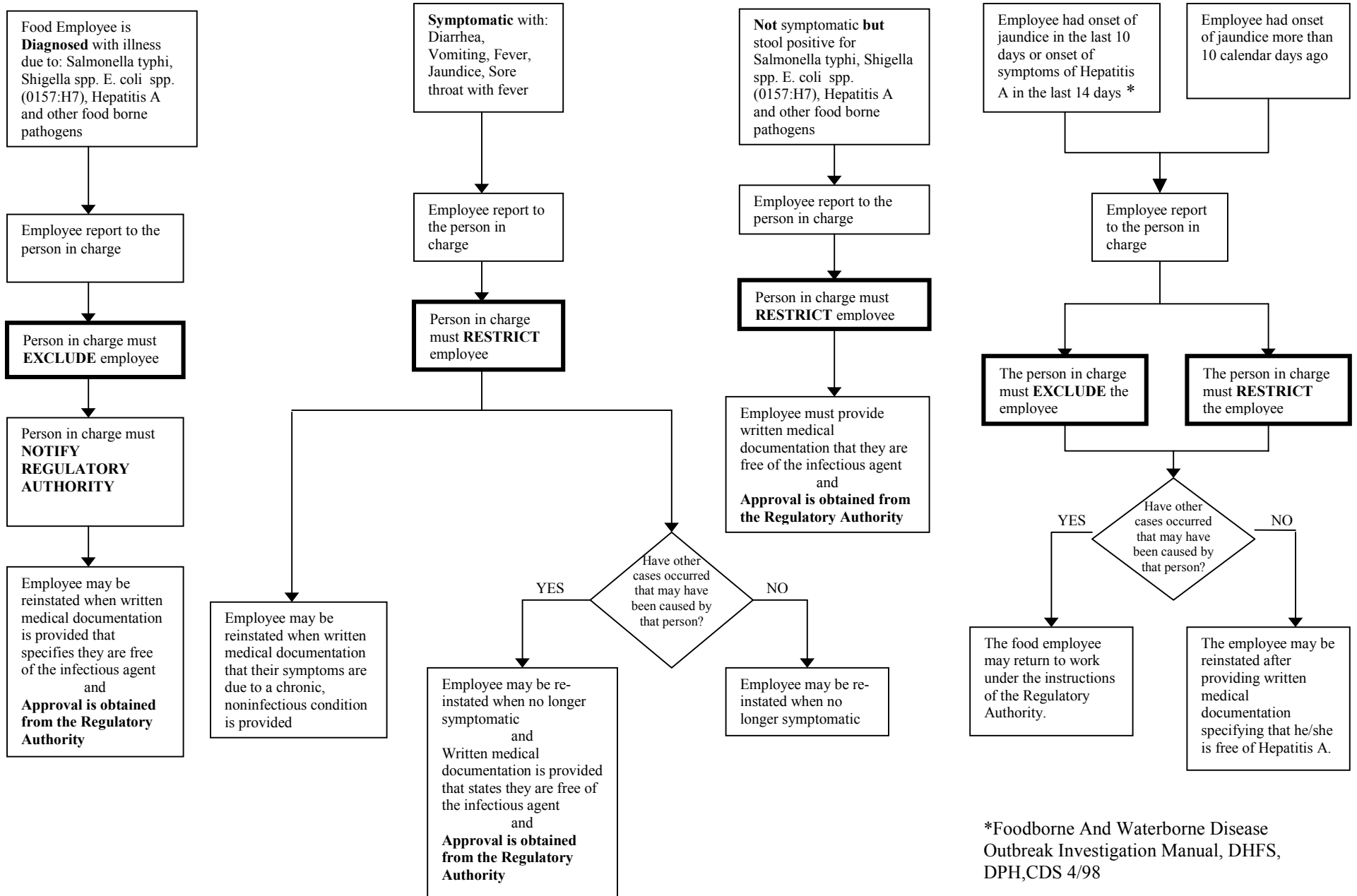
Applicant or Food Employee Name (please print) _____

Signature of Applicant or Food Employee _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Permit Holder's Representative _____ **Date** _____

Action by the Person in Charge when Serving the General Public and Presented with a Sick Employee

Wisconsin Food Code Fact Sheet #19a



*Foodborne And Waterborne Disease Outbreak Investigation Manual, DHFS, DPH,CDS 4/98